

Remarks

Claims 8, 11 and 13 are currently pending.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tzikas et al. (US 6,160,101) in view of Tzikas et al. (WO 00/06652). Applicants traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

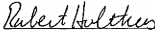
New claim 13 is directed to a dye mixture comprising dyes of formula (101) and (102) which were used in the previous submitted Declaration of Roentgen. The limitation for the weight ratio recited in claim 13 can be found in the 3rd paragraph on page 17 of the present application.

The Examiner urges that Applicants showing is limited to the dye mixture of the dyes of formula (101) and (102) at the concentrations of 22% and 78%, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 13 is now commensurate in scope with the unexpected showing. In particular, the results of the Declaration clearly show that the replacement of the orange component of the prior art mixture with the identical amount of the compound of the formula (102) leads to a substantial improvement in the build-up properties. Neither of the Tzikas et al. publications cited above teach or suggest such a result could have been reasonably expected. Accordingly, claim 13, and all claims depending on claim 13, are not obvious in view of the Tzikas et al. publications and Applicants respectfully request the rejections under § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

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